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## Study: persecution on rise worldwide

WASHINGTON (BP) — Social hostilities relating to religion or government restrictions on religion rose substantially for more than 2.2 billion people — nearly a third of the world's total population — between 2006 and 2009, according to a new study released by Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion and Public Life.

While social hostilities rose most noticeably in Europe, the study, titled Rising Restrictions on Religion, also found that social hostilities involving religion have been rising significantly in China, Thailand, and Vietnam, according to a summary of the research released August 9.

Much of the tension in Europe centered around the region's rapidly growing Muslim population but in some cases also reflected rising anti-Semitism and antagonism toward minorities such as Jehovah's Witnesses, the report noted.

"In France, members of Parliament began discussing whether women should be allowed to wear the burqa, and President Nicolas Sarkozy said the head-to-toe covering was 'not welcome' in French society," the report stated. "The French government also put pressure on religious groups it considers to be cults, including Scientologists. For example, the lead prosecutor in a fraud case involving the Church of Scientology sought to have the group declared a 'criminal enterprise.'"

Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission in Nashville, called the study's findings unsurprising and noted that Christians are persecuted in greater proportions than any other religious group worldwide.

"As a serving member of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, which monitors the state of religious freedom around the world, these dismal research results are not surprising but instead [are] the acceleration of a downward spiral that has been going on for more than a decade," Land told Baptist Press. "Religious



**PERSECUTED** — Chinese authorities' campaign to control the spread of Christianity, including this 2009 destruction of facilities owned by a house church, reflect an uptick in global hostility toward religion as reported in new study by the Pew Research Center. The facilities were owned by a house church in Linfen, a city of more than four million people in northeast China. (BP photo)

freedom around the world is in decline from Russia to Africa, almost everywhere in the Middle East, and in Asia. It's caused great concern for all freedom-loving people.

"Christians should be praying for their brothers and sisters who are undergoing persecution around the world, and it is Christians who are disproportionately being persecuted around the world."

Five of the 10 countries that registered substantial increases in social hostilities were in Europe: Bulgaria, Denmark, Russia, Sweden and the United Kingdom, according to the report.

Nearly one-third of the countries in the Middle East-North Africa region saw increased government restrictions on religion, the report said.

Egypt ranked in the top five percent of all countries on both government restrictions and social hostilities involving religion. Indonesia was the only other country in the world that had scores as high as Egypt on both measures.

Most of the countries that had substantial increases in social hostilities or government restrictions involving religion already had high levels of hostilities or restrictions, the report noted. Nearly half the countries that substantially decreased in restrictions or hostilities already registered low levels of restrictions or hostilities.

That suggests a shift taking place in which restrictions are getting higher in countries where they already were relatively high, while restrictions are decreas-

ing in countries where they already were relatively low, the report said.

"There seems to be somewhat of a polarization," particularly in countries with constitutional prohibitions against blasphemy, said Brian Grim, the study's primary researcher, in an interview with Religion News Service. "When you have one set of restrictions in place, then it's easier to add on."

The report also found the extent of violence and abuse related to religion increased in more places than it decreased during the 2006-2009 period. Instances of violence ranged from damage to or destruction of personal or religious properties to individuals being killed, physically abused, imprisoned, detained or displaced from their homes.

Crimes, malicious acts, or violence motivated by religious hatred or bias occurred in nearly three-fourths of all countries. The number of countries that experienced mob violence related to religion rose from 38 (19%) as of mid-2008 to 52 (26%) as of mid-2009.

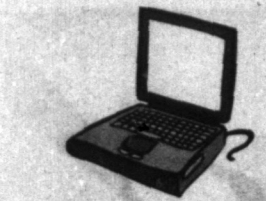
Christians faced incidents of either social or government harassment in 130 countries (66%) and Muslims experienced persecution in 117 countries (59%). Hindus and Buddhists faced harassment in far fewer places — 14% and eight percent, respectively — even though together they account for roughly one-fifth of the world's population, the report found.

Although Jews comprise less than one percent of the world's population, social or government harassment of Jews was reported in 38% of the world's countries.



Ten countries identified in the report as very high in hostilities involving religion were Iraq, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Somalia, Indonesia, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Israel, and Egypt. The 10 countries registering very high government restrictions were Egypt, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Uzbekistan, China, Maldives, Malaysia, Myanmar (Burma), Eritrea, and Indonesia.





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## School time, prayer time

Kids are sad; parents are elated. Lines are long, traffic is at a fever pitch, and patience is low, but that's all right. It's back-to-school time across Mississippi.

Tenderfoot parents are experiencing this phenomenon for the first time with both excitement and anxiety, while parents on the other end of the time line approach their final back-to-school week with — you guessed it — excitement and anxiety. We should say a prayer for all of them.

We should also pray for teachers and school administrators everywhere. So committed are they to their life mission that they are willing to forsake better salaries, waive better working conditions, and endure extreme pressure from all directions just to educate our children. There are very few higher and more precious callings.

Many of those teachers and school administrators are Mississippi Baptists.

Many of them pray for their peers and for the students with whom they are entrusted, ever mindful of the legal and career ramifications of doing so in public. Many of them conducted prayer meetings and prayer walks in and around their schools over the past few weeks in preparation for the new school year, again mindful of the consequences of doing so.

They need all the spiritual support they can get. In California, children as young as kindergarten are required to declare what they believe their gender to be — male or female, the child gets to decide whether they are a boy or a girl regardless of anatom-

**"SHE'S JUST STARTED KINDERGARTEN AND ALREADY I CAN FEEL MY NEST BEGINNING TO EMPTY!"**



ical facts. Refusal to follow the state's mandate by a school board or a principal or teacher can trigger a full-blown investigation by that state's attorney general.

In several hot spots around the country, battles rage between the true believers of evolution and proponents of intelligent design. Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons will be stripped of any spiritual meaning and renamed "harvest festivals" and "winter celebrations." (Halloween, however, will still be allowed under its traditional name.)

Mentioning God is *verboten*, a violation of church and state separation under the bizarre arguments of liberal extremist groups like the ACLU. Judeo-Christian subjects are off-limits, while fringe "religions" are highlighted and celebrated. Christian student groups must get a federal court order to hold meetings at the school, while homosexual student groups are welcomed with open arms. Religious-themed clothing is not permissible, but the display of tongue piercings and offensive symbols is protected.

Lastly, for all the reasons above and for many, many more reasons, we should pray for the students. In the coming weeks and months of this new school year, even the most sheltered children will be bombarded with ideas and temptations that could not have been imagined just a generation ago — public and private schools alike.

Our prayers for Christian students should be two-fold. First, we should pray that they will remain spiritually grounded and steadfast against the allure and bright lights in which the world wraps sin. We should pray that their discernment will be strong enough to avoid the snares and pitfalls they will encounter.

Secondly, we should pray without ceasing for their witness to non-believers. Although fringe elements in the Southern Baptist Convention are advocating abandonment of what they call "God-less" schools, our command from our Savior is to take the Gospel to the world (Matthew 28:18-20). Pray that they will remain faithful to this most important mission in the face of adversity, and pray that you will be a shining example to light their way.

## GUEST OPINION:

### Jackson's *The Help* has faith themes



By Phil Boatwright  
Kansas City, Kn.

comically and poignantly sear through a passed-down social bigotry, reminding viewers of how far the civil rights movement has come.

In the film, a black pastor encourages his congregation to love others, even their enemies, even those who do them injustice. This is the catalyst for the main maid, Aibileen, wonderfully brought to screen life by Academy Award nominee Viola Davis, who eventually speaks out despite the threatening consequences.

Though we see the hypocrisy of those who use the church more as a sorority, *The Help* brings home the need for faith and the application of Christ's teachings. *The Help* is funny, poignant, and inspiring — one of the best films of the year.

At a recent press junket, I found one question resonated

with several of those involved in the production. How does faith play into this film? This is what they said:

• **Viola Davis:** "A lot of black people in that day got strength from their Christianity. Because you know the whole power of Christianity is that God loves you no matter what. It's an undeserved love, but it's constant and it's there... That faith served Aibileen well, because there's no evidence in her life that she is deserving of anything."

• **Kathryn Stockett:** "Being a southerner, having grown up in a Christian family, it was so important for me to understand how each character felt and stood with God. Aibileen, a gentler, more traditional character, had a close commu-

nication with God. She wrote down her prayers rather than speaking them because she felt like she could go back and erase, edit them in order to get it right. She wanted to make sure she was asking for exactly the right things."

• **Chris Columbus** (one of the movie's producers): "I've always found that historically people growing up in a working class, blue-collar environment seem to support the church, because not only does it give them a sense of community, but also a sense of hope. These are people who may not like their jobs, or feel fulfilled by their work. So, their sense of spirituality and community comes on Sunday in church. That's an important part of their lives and we couldn't ignore that fact. It had to be in the movie."

**Editor's note:** Boatwright reviews films from a Christian perspective for Baptist Press. *Caution:* *The Help* includes about seven obscenities and six profanities (including God's name abused four times). A crude reference to feces is one of the plot's main devices. For more details on the content, visit [PreviewOnline.org](http://PreviewOnline.org).

## Seminary student crowned Miss Black USA

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Ocielia Gibson impressed judges at the Miss Black USA Scholarship Pageant 2011, when asked how the nation could improve the high school graduation and college entry rates of African Americans.

"A lot of our kids need mentorship and tutoring from other successful African Americans that they can look up to," Gibson said, "so a key way to improve the graduation rate and college entry rate is for people just like us to come back and give back to them to show them the way, to guide them and to help them."

Gibson, a women's ministry student at Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, subsequently was crowned Miss Black USA on August 9.

Her answer during the pageant flowed from a passion for women's ministry that God placed on her heart as a teenager. "As a 16-year-old who had recently given my life to Christ," Gibson writes on her website, "I sat in my mother's living room one night watching music videos on TV. Gradually, with each video I watched — and each girl I saw degraded — I began to grieve tremendously in my heart."

Her grief soon turned into tears as she wept and prayed for the young women she saw in the music videos. At that moment, Gibson writes, God gave her a "burden for my generation of young sisters."

Three years later as a college student, she "stepped out on this burden and established the More Than a Pretty Face After-School Mentoring Program," she writes.

The faith-based ministry seeks to encourage young women to live in purity, to help them discover their true self-

identity, and to "redefine modern beauty," according to [www.morethanaprettyface.org](http://www.morethanaprettyface.org).

The ministry has reached more than 1,000 young women throughout Gibson's native state of Texas and in Arkansas, edifying them through three initiatives:

• **The Ultimate Beauty Dish,** a series of workshops designed to teach young women about true self-identity.

• **The Ultimate Beauty Girls' Summits,** an annual summit featuring "award-winning female specialists and speakers" discussing sexual purity and successful womanhood.

• **RENEW HER Project,** giving a "pink pocket Bible" to young women who come to Christ through the ministry but who do not have a Bible of their own.

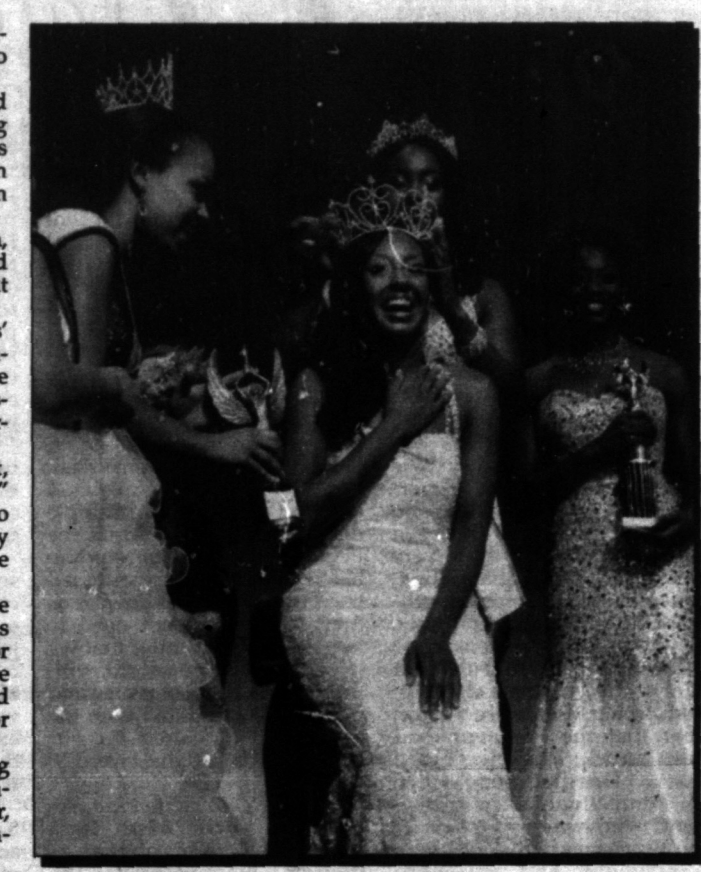
Gibson confessed that she came through many struggles and had to redefine beauty for herself before winning the Miss Black USA crown and before redefining beauty for other young women.

Although raised by a caring single mother, the abandonment of her father scarred her, leaving her in pain and confusion as a young girl.

She also questioned her own beauty because of unexplained hives that would appear on her skin. Her self-esteem plummeted as other children called her "leopard, spotted-bodied girl, alligator skin, and ugly."

In an interview with The Seattle Medium, Gibson said she had to overcome these issues and learn to believe in herself. "I had to truly believe that even though I had those physical flaws, regardless of that, I was a beautiful woman," she told the African American newspaper.

"I had to make the decision to



**THE WINNER** — Ocielia Gibson, a student at Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, is crowned Miss Black USA on August 9. (BP photo)

[either] keep wallowing in that self-pity or to just hold my head high and be the best that I can be even with those physical flaws."

Now that she wears the Miss Black USA crown, Gibson hopes she will be able to spread the message of More Than a Pretty Face Inc. to more young women across the nation.

Terri Stovall, dean of women's programs at Southwestern Seminary, hopes Gibson will be able to use this opportunity as a platform for ministry.

"Ocielia Gibson is a woman of strength who has overcome much, which has enabled her to fully understand that beauty is more than outward appear-

ance," Stovall said. "She is a strong role model to teen girls, especially girls of color, at a time when positive role models can be hard to find."

"Ocielia's ministry of helping girls find their true identity, remain sexually abstinent, and engage in servant leadership provide foundational building blocks to tomorrow's virtuous women. Her challenge to mentor teen girls today should spur all women to model this Titus 2 lifestyle," Stovall said.

"We are proud to count Ocielia as a Southwesterner, and pray with her that God will use this year as Miss Black USA to impact even more girls for the Kingdom of God."

## Looking back

### 10 years ago

Churches gained more than a half-million prospects for Southern Baptist Sunday Schools in 2000, thanks to the work of Vacation Bible Schools.

### 20 years ago

In a rousing address, Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, challenges trustees to accelerate worldwide evangelistic efforts during the decade. Parks also announces plans to remain as the head of the board through 1995.

### 50 years ago

Southern Baptists' new teletype circuit is responsible for a romance via electronics. It is announced by Pat Tullos, Jackson, that she and James R. Newton of Dallas, Tex., will wed in Clinton. They met by exchanging messages on the system. Tullos is chief teletype operator for The Baptist Record; Newton is writer of news copy for the public relations office of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.



## THE SECOND FRONT PAGE

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1. Lord, I admit that I need you. (I have sinned.)
2. I want forgiveness for my sins and freedom from eternal death. (I repent.)
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4. By faith, I invite Jesus Christ into my life. From this time on, I want to live in a loving relationship with Him. (I receive Christ as my Savior and Lord.)

"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name." (John 1:12)

If you make a decision for Jesus Christ today, contact a local Baptist church for spiritual guidance.



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Clue: W = Y

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Luke Twenty-one: Twenty-five

In just a few weeks, all of us individually will remember our story of September 11, 2001. Collectively as a nation we will all be thinking about that September day when the unthinkable began to unfold. While tragedy and heartbreak came to many, fear and uncertainty came to all. This year, a decade later, September 11 will be on Sunday. Of course, all across the land there will be memorials, rallies, prayer meetings, and somber remembrances of 10 years ago. I want to encourage all of our churches to plan for a special time of prayer as you gather for worship on that day.

It will be a day to look backward. Regardless of whether or not you were watching the live news coverage from New York when one of the Twin Towers had been struck by a plane and were wondering what happened, or saw in live coverage another plane hit the other tower, or you just saw the coverage that began to unfold the rest of that day, it was a day like none other. Later we would hear that the Pentagon had been struck. Then we heard that a plane had gone down in Pennsylvania. The president, who was in Florida at the time, was whisked away somewhere, and we wondered what was next.

Looking back, the thing that I remember most was the earnest, incredible prayer experiences that unfolded not just in our state but across the nation. There were no scheduled prayer meetings that I knew of, but during the day and into the night I was a part of five prayer gatherings as people bowed before Heaven. I have heard so many stories from the folks who lived through the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and about the announcement that went out all across the nation that we had been



## Directions

Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer  
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

attacked. Even that was somewhat different, in that we knew the world was at war then and the coverage by the news media was not as graphic as now. The island where it took place was thousands of miles from the shores of America. Still, it was similar, but now it was us.

In the hours that followed, it became more and more apparent that thousands were killed, a plane load of people had died in Pennsylvania, multiple deaths had taken place at the Pentagon, and it was impossible to calculate how many had been trapped in the Towers as they fell. We do not need to forget, for the reality is that we live in that same world with those same kinds of issues and people who are filled with the same kind of hatred for our country today as they were 10 years ago.

We will look backward, but we will also look upward. I remember as though it were yesterday the Sunday that followed 9-11. I was already scheduled to preach at a church on that Sunday, and I went wondering what that worship service would be like. Would the people come? What kind of attitude would prevail and what kind of spirit would move among us? When I arrived and began to speak to some of the people, obviously the topic of conversation was what we had experienced that week. When we gathered in the house of God that Sunday, the attendance was abnormally high.

People were burdened to get before God and listen to Him. In fact, it is one of the few times that I have ever experienced something like that Sunday. When I preached there were men standing across the back of the church through the entire service because there was no place for them to sit. Chairs had been brought out but they were all filled and the pews were packed. They stood as we worshipped and together we looked upward.

It seemed at the time and seems even now that our country unified to look to God to ask for His help, to seek His guidance in our lives and in our country, and to call upon Him as our only hope. We were all a part of the grieving experience, but, maybe more than we had ever felt before, we needed God.

Throughout this entire year thousands have responded across Mississippi with a commitment to pray every day, *Covering Mississippi in Prayer*. Constantly I hear from people who are experiencing a new depth, and height, and understanding of prayer that has made a difference in hearts, homes, churches, and even communities. This day I ask you to pray for our country. The setting will possibly not be as dramatic as that Sunday, but the needs may be

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Matthew 10:27 NAS

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Sept. 16-17

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Hosted at Garaywa Camp and Conference Center



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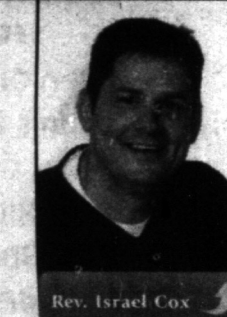
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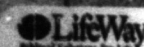
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Break-out Sessions  
Update on the movie *Courageous*  
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## Single Life Conferences

Saturday, Sept. 17  
Singles' Round-Up  
Neshoba Association Center, Philadelphia  
For more info: 601-656-1820

Friday, Sept. 23  
Singles' Round-Up  
First Baptist Church, Saitillo  
Special Guest: Becky Brown, Richland  
Light Supper (Please RSVP)  
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Monday, Oct. 3  
Northcrest Baptist Church, Meridian  
For more info: 601-482-3498  
[garycherylso@att.net](mailto:garycherylso@att.net)  
6:30 Light Supper (Please RSVP)  
\*Door prizes  
7:15 Introductions/Conferences  
"Picking up the Pieces"  
James Haynes, FBC, Biloxi  
"Five Love Languages for Singles"  
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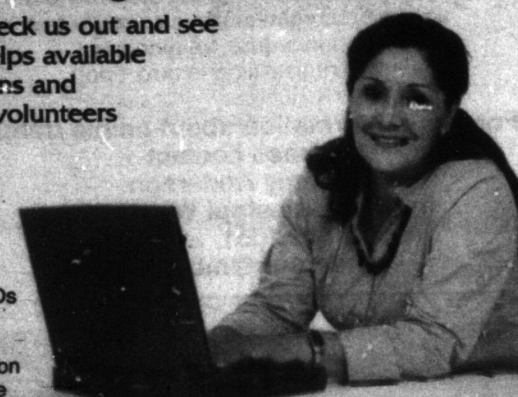
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Please pray about what God would have you discover during Mississippi's state missions emphasis. Also, pray to discover what God wants you to give through the Margaret Lackey Offering.





## Pray this day for...

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."*

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Pray for: **Don\* and Valery Hulsey**, IMB missionaries ministering to European Peoples in Portugal through church planting, church and home outreach and evangelism.

Pray for: **Asbury and Jeannie\* Martin**, IMB missionaries ministering to American Peoples in Argentina through church and home outreach and evangelism.

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Pray for: **Robert\* and Janice Mooney**, IMB missionaries ministering to European Peoples in Latvia through strategy coordination, church and home outreach and evangelism.

Pray for: **Floyd\* and Sharon\* Johnston**, IMB missionaries ministering to American Peoples in Brazil through church planting, church and home outreach and evangelism.

Pray for: **Stephen\* and Svetlana\* Parish**, IMB missionaries ministering to European Peoples in the United States through strategy coordination, church and home outreach and evangelism.

Pray for: **Millard and Susan\* Jones**, IMB missionaries ministering to East Asian and European Peoples in Canada through student evangelism.

Pray for: **Kevin\* and Brenda Peacock**, IMB missionaries ministering to European Peoples in Canada through theological education, church and home outreach and evangelism.

Pray for: **John\* and Melinda\* Kyzar**, IMB missionaries ministering to European Peoples in the Czech Republic through personalization, church and home outreach and evangelism.

Pray for: **John and Sarah\* Perkins**, IMB missionaries ministering to European Peoples in France through church and home outreach, evangelism and providing mission support.

Pray for: **Janet Holloway\***, IMB missionary ministering to European Peoples in Russia through student evangelism.

Pray for: **Henry\* and Linda Lee**, IMB missionaries ministering to East Asian Peoples in the United States through church planting, church and home outreach and evangelism.

Pray for: **Daniel and Claudia\* Hood**, IMB missionaries ministering to Sub-Saharan African Peoples in Kenya through church and home outreach and evangelism.

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Aug. 26 - Sept. 8, 2011

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SEPT. 11, 2011 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Emmanuel Baptist Church Grenada	SEPT. 17, 2011 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. William Carey University, Hattiesburg	OCT. 6, 2011 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. First Baptist Church Meridian	OCT. 18, 2011 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Baptist Building Jackson

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*A Woman's Guide  
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Rhonda H. Kelley

MINISTERS' WIVES  
CONFERENCE

Monday, October 31, 2011  
FBC Chapel, Jackson  
1:15 - 4:45 p.m.

# HOUSE TOPS

## REVIVALS AND HOMECOMINGS

1. **Fellowship Church, Starkville:** recent revival, led by Campers on Mission of Mississippi. Shown are the participants.



1. Fellowship Church, Starkville

2. **Vardaman Church, Kemper County:** Homecoming, Sept. 4; services, 10:30 a.m., followed by covered dish meal; Gene Martin, speaker; Don and Toni Stovall, music.

3. **Moak's Creek Church, Lincoln Association:** Homecoming, Sept. 4; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m., followed by lunch. Mike Alexander, pastor; Pat Rice, music.

4. **Concord Church, Booneville:** Revival, Sept. 11-15; Sun., fellowship meal, 5:30 p.m.; Lane Finley, speaker; Kenny Graves, music; Robert E. Walker, pastor.

5. **Siloam Church, Magee:** Homecoming, Aug. 28; worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch; Jerry Sullivan, speaker; Drewe Lynn Jeffcoat, music.

6. **Malmaison Church, Carrollton:** 50th anniversary, Sept. 4; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m., followed by covered dish lunch and singing; Bennett Fielder, speaker.

7. **First Church, Foxworth:** celebrated its centennial celebration. Shown is the congregation.

8. **Pine Hill Church, Enterprise:** Homecoming, Aug. 28, 10 a.m., followed by lunch.

9. **Kokomo Church, Kokomo:** Centennial, Sept. 18, 10 a.m.-noon, followed by dinner on the ground; includes historical and photo displays, drama team, guest speakers,



7. First Church, Foxworth

special music, and other activities.

10. **New Haven Church, Terry:** Homecoming, Aug. 28, 10:30 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds; Kinsmen Quartet, music.

11. **Southway Church, Brookhaven:** 60th anniversary, Sept. 11; worship, 10 a.m., followed by

singing and dinner on the grounds; Millard Caulder and Malcom Massey, speakers; Gloryland Quartet, music.

12. **Fellowship Church, Jasper County:** Revival, Sept. 18-23; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; Jim Hill, speaker; Joel Hill, music; Roger Ivey, pastor.

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### GIFTS OF HONOR AND MEMORY

A portion of The Village View is allocated each month to a list of Gifts of Honor and Memory. Many groups and individuals elect to pay tribute to others through this sensitive, meaningful, and helpful medium. This feature is hopefully designed to further honor, with taste and respect, those who are and have been special to our special friends.

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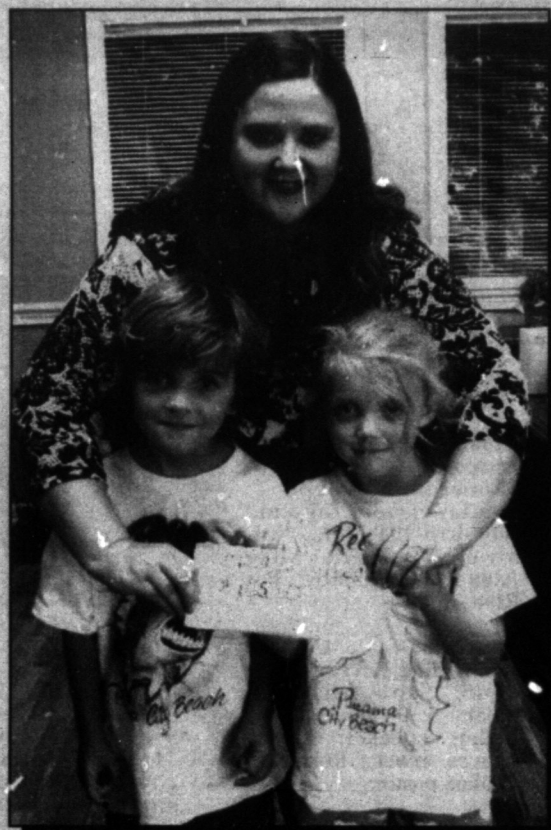
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Twin brother & sister Ross and Reese Simmons, of Brandon, present Celeste Cade, BCV Public Relations Associate, with \$250 they collected at their birthday party. The children asked those attending the party to bring \$5 instead of a gift for them and donated all the money to The Baptist Children's Village.

The NEW India Nunnery Campus, which was relocated from Jackson to Star, is now open and receiving children. We need some help with the following as we finish settling in:

- ◆ 2 new computers (one for each cottage) for the children to use for homework assignments
- ◆ 36 in. or bigger flat screen TV for girls cottage
- ◆ Sponsor to buy fabric for window treatments and tablecloths. Staff will help pick matching fabric for rooms.
- ◆ Sponsor and volunteers to purchase and install playground equipment for both cottages i.e., sturdy swings sets, slides, etc.
- ◆ Lawn equipment i.e. electric Weed Eater, leaf blower and extension cords
- ◆ Wal-Mart, Target or Penny's gift card to purchase floor rugs, runners and lamps
- ◆ Beanbag chairs: 2 brown for boys, 2 beige for girls
- ◆ Spice rack for boys cottage (with spices)
- ◆ Wal-Mart card to buy trunks while in stock during back-to-school season

Contact Celeste Cade, Public Relations Associate, 601-922-2242 or ccade@baptistchildrensvillage.com, if you can help.

## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

### Agree with One Another

Genesis 13:1-12; Romans 12:16-18; 15:5-6

By Beth Bowman

My college roommate, Linda Halfacre Osborne and I were the shining examples of how not to live with one another in unity. Oh, she and I got along splendidly—it was the other four roommates in our apartment at Mississippi State. Who knew that keeping the dishes washed, the doors locked and the living room free of clutter was going to be so important to them? The two semesters must have been a challenge for the four of them and on their behalf; they tried to be agreeable as much as humanly possible with two messy, creative, whimsical cohabitants. No wonder none of them signed up to room with us another year!

#### Example of Agreement

Genesis 13:1-12

Abram and Lot faced chal-

lenges to unity and agreement. Abram had just returned from Egypt. Lot was with him as they made their way to Bethel, where Abram had built an altar before. As you may remember, Lot's father Haran had passed away and Abram did not have any children at this point. Lot was closer to Abram and Sarai than a regular nephew; he was more like a son to them. Both Abram and Lot were very wealthy with many flocks, herd and tents. The combination of their wealth was so great that the land could not support them. Their herdsman began to argue with each other. Abram, as the leader, took the lead and presented a fair and workable solution. He offered Lot the chance to go toward Jordan or toward Canaan. Lot chose for himself and his people to go right toward the land of



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plan, he trusted in God for the future. He knew God's promise to him would be true, regardless of circumstances or location. He presented unity in his family because of his beliefs in the promises of God.

#### Practical application for agreement

Romans 12:16-18

These verses give some real practical helps for agreeing with our brothers and sisters in Christ. References below are all from the NIV.

Romans 12:16 "Live in harmony with one another." Harmony is from the Greek word, *phrono* which means, to have understanding, be wise, to be of the

same mind i.e. agree together, cherish the same views, be harmonious. Part of living in harmony in the family of God is to seek to understand each other.

Romans 12:16 "Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited." New Living Translation states the middle part of this verse, "Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people." Disunity begins when we view ourselves as better than others.

Romans 12:17 "Do not repay anyone evil for evil." Be willing to forgive and forget. Don't keep a record of the wrongs committed against you; rather commit them to God, for His justice.

Romans 12:17b-18 "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." If it's in your power to create peace and doesn't violate your spiritual convictions, be willing to compromise for the greater good.

#### Reason for Unity

Romans 15:5-6

I dismiss the idea that we need to get along to get along. I want to have a compelling reason for

unity. The last part of this lesson gives us that. Romans 15:6 states, "so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Unity and agreement among believers bring about blessing and honor God. Agreements on non essential issues help us save our energy and time for spiritual priorities, not personal preferences. When our churches argue within their walls or with other churches in the community, God is not blessed and God is not honored. And, those desiring to know more about faith in Christ are not compelled to Him. Take the high road; keep focused on unity within the body as long as the issue doesn't violate scripture. Let's save our focus and reserve our energy to let others know about our Beautiful Savior and the privilege of following Him. It's too important to do anything else.

Bowman is Minister of Connection at First Church, Brandon, and a speaker for women's events.

## EXPLORE THE BIBLE

### Rely on the Lord's Love

Lamentations 3:19-33, 37-39

By Harold Simmons

As we study the book of Lamentations, it helps us if we remember that Jerusalem has been destroyed, the temple is in ruins and a lifestyle is gone. Jeremiah, the accepted writer of the book, is pouring out his deepest sorrow. He does this in five chapters, or dirges (funeral songs). These songs are twenty-two verses long with the exception of chapter three which has sixty-six verses (3x22). The first word of each verse begins with a letter corresponding with the Hebrew alphabet. Each year on the date of the destruction of the temple, the book is read in Jewish worship. It points to the misery of the people of the time.

#### Expressing painful memories

(Lamentations 3:19-20)

Jeremiah is expressing the

feelings that he had after the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar. His eyes could take in the smoldering ruins and the complete destruction of the city. But it was difficult for the mind to believe what he was seeing. It was the same feeling that we Americans had as we viewed the destruction of the World Trade Center in New York on 9/11.

For Jeremiah there was bitterness that he described as "Wormwood and poison." It was very hard to express the feelings he had. We might have said: "What a waste." But it was more than that. Not only was there a destruction of buildings but also lives and a lifestyle. The people who survived had little or no place to live and precious little of the essentials for life.



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This was very depressing for Jeremiah and the other survivors.

#### Remembering the Lord's faithful love

(Lamentations 3:21-26)

The event causes the prophet to recall his former experience with the Lord. Even in all the turmoil he remembers the Lord's love and intervention on behalf of those who seek Him. Reading this portion of Lamentations reminds me of Job and his reaction to the happenings that befell him and the faithfulness of Job to the Lord. In all the tragic things that came to Job, he clung to his belief in a loving God as did Jeremiah.

We should learn the valuable lesson that when the whole of our world seems to fall apart that we should cling to the God who loves us and has the power to redeem our situation.

#### Recognizing the Lord's purpose

(Lamentations 3:27-33)

Jeremiah said that it is

good for a person to learn early in life to have divine judgment to come upon him/her for their sins because that will give the person time to think about the purpose God has for the judgment. God is giving discipline for the purpose of turning people around toward Him. God is not being sadistic but He caused hurt for a reason or purpose. Even in judgment, God stands with open arms to welcome us back into His presence because He still loves us. In the New Testament, we are told that while we were still sinners that Christ died for us.

When suffering and pain come to us, it brings no joy to the Lord. He had rather have us enjoying His favor but our actions bring corrective actions from God. His purpose is to bring us into the right relationship with Him.

#### Acknowledging the Lord's power

(Lamentations 3:37-39)

For Jeremiah and others living in Judah, there seems to be

an inconsistency in the actions of God. He did so much to bring them out of Egypt, to help them defeat the inhabitants of the land promised to them and to help them build a great nation. Now, He has allowed a nation to destroy the wonderful city of Jerusalem and the life they had. God had said that He had chosen them from all the nations of the world to be His people. Now they are a people destroyed and deported.

God is not being inconsistent. They need to recognize that He has the power to bring blessings and to bring judgments. Blessings are because God loves us. Judgment is because God loves us. We need to recognize that God has the power to do both and still love us. The adverse conditions come because of our own sinful actions.

The New Testament declares that God is love. Hold on to that no matter what happens to us.

Simmons is currently interim pastor at Cascilla Church, Cascilla.

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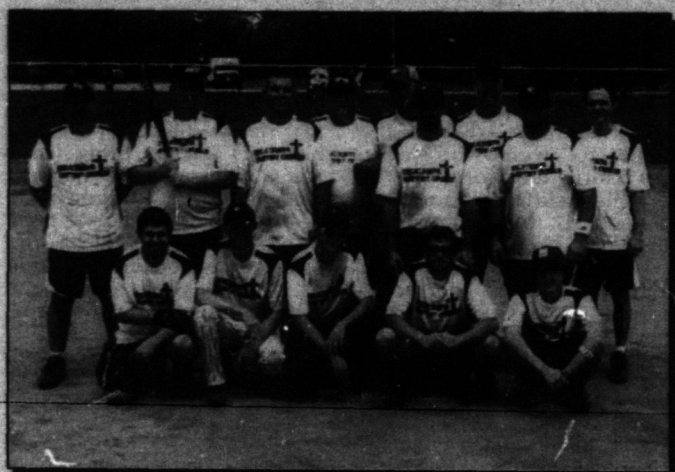
## STATE SOFTBALL RESULTS



1. Mt. Zion



2. Tuscumbia Baptist



3. Escatawpa Baptist

### Mississippi Baptist State Softball Tournament 2011 Men's Class A Winners

1. **1st Place — Mt. Zion, Brookhaven**  
First Row (L-R): Seth Lofton, Jordan Rogers, Jarod Rogers, Travis Smith, Scott Poole, Jody Britt  
Back Row (L-R): Rusty Neyman, Justin Smith, David Smith, Joseph Langham, Jonathan Breakfield, Dan VanNorman, Shane Easterling
2. **2nd Place — Tuscumbia Baptist**  
First Row (L-R): Bat Boy Stone, Bradley, Tyler Davis, Jordan Davis, Brenton Matthews, Todd Talley, Chip Suggs, Bob Settlemires  
Back Row (L-R): Junior Chapman, Clay Talley, Kevin Miles, Tim Chapman, James Houston, Tim Bradley, Jamie Butler, Zack Hastings
3. **3rd Place — Escatawpa Baptist**  
Front Row (L-R): Adam Graham, Kevin Davis, Stephen Garrard, Shane Turner, Kelly Clarke  
Back Row (L-R): Mark Graham, Aaron Graham, Brandon Bailey, Jordan Bradshaw, Tim McFaul, Scott Garrard, David Graham, Tim McFaul, Sr, Lee Tanner



## Mississippi Baptist Chaplains' Association Fall Training Sept. 16

JACKSON, MS. (Special) — The Mississippi Baptist Chaplains' Association fall training will be held in the Skyroom of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Sept. 16, 8 a.m. Endel Lee, national coordinator, Disaster Relief chaplaincy, NAMB and commander, Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy (Reserve Component), speaker. Topics include Code of the Warrior (a personal perspective), what are we seeing among ser-

vice members?, what resources and tools are readily available to service members?, Combat operational stress first aid overview, How can communities and churches assist?, and spiritual considerations in caring for combat veterans. Professional and volunteer chaplains and pastors are invited to attend. For more information, call (800) 748-1651, ext. 334, outside Jackson, or (601) 292-3334 locally to register. Email [cwright@mbcb.org](mailto:cwright@mbcb.org). Cost, \$10.

## COLLEGE NEWS

1. Georgia Baptist educator and Mississippi College graduate, Mike Simoneaux is the new leader at Brewton-Parker College. In late July, the Baptist school's board of trustees unanimously selected Simoneaux to be president after serving as interim president since March 2011. Simoneaux worked as acting president and vice president for advancement at Truett-McConnell College before leading the Brewton-Parker administration on the Mount Vernon, Ga. campus. He is 1965 MC graduate with a bachelor of music education degree. The new Brewton-Parker president received a master's in church music in 1967 and doctorate in music education in 1969, both from New Orleans Seminary.
2. Baptist pastors from Rankin County are

invited to Mississippi College's Flowood Center for a luncheon, fellowship time and the opportunity to hear from university leaders. The event is set for September 26 at MC's year-old branch off Lakeland Drive. Pastors begin their meeting at 10:30 a.m. with lunch served at 11:30 a.m. President Lee Royce will serve as the guest speaker and discuss the latest developments at the university.

3. Mississippi College's new soccer complex will be dedicated at noon on August 27th. The 5,000-square-foot building includes spacious locker rooms for men and women, a media room to watch game film, a training room, a 40-person meeting room, coaches' offices and other amenities.

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